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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 5397

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON

REF: HAGUE 5364 AND SHEINBAUM/TANGUY TELECON DEC 7

1. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VAN DER STOEL AND OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LUBBERS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON DEC 17.

2. AS VAN DER STOEL, AND PROBABLY LUBBERS, MUST TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS FOR EC COUNCIL MEETING EARLY THAT AFTERNOON MFA HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH VAN DER STOEL FOR 1030 AM. DECISION WHETHER LUBBERS WOULD SIT IN ON THIS MEETING OR RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY SEPARATELY IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN GON. CALL ON MINISTERS COULD BE PRECEDED BY EMBASSY BRIEFING IF DESIRED.

3. FOR BALANCE OF DAY WE WOULD ENVISAGE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH TOP CIVIL SERVANTS CONCERNED WITH OIL SUPPLY PROBLEMS, AND POSSIBLY ALSO WITH LOCAL OIL INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES. GON IS STILL
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CONSIDERING ITS POSITION ON SUCH A SCENARIO BUT WOULD WELCOME

WASHINGTON COMMENT.

4. IF UNDER SECRETARY IS PREPARED TO STAY OVER NIGHT OF DEC 17, PROGRAM COULD USEFULLY BE STRETCHED OUT TO ALLOW MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AND PERHAPS A DINNER MEETING. IN ANY CASE AMBASSADOR AND MRS GOULD WOULD BE GLAD TO OFFER DINNER OR OTHER HOSPITALITY AS MAY FIT IN WITH UNDER SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPT MAY HAVE ON SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS TO BE MADE AT THIS END. MINECON HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO ASSEMBLE LATEST DATA ON SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION AND PLANS FOR CONSUMPTION CONTROLS. WE ARE PREPARING SYNOPSIS OF DUTCH PETROLEUM SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTOR STATISTICS PRIOR TO BOYCOTT, PLUS SHORTFALLS BY CATEGORIES RESULTING FROM BOYCOTT AND WILL TRANSMIT THIS TELEGRAPHICALLY TO DEPT AND TO UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON IN BRUSSELS. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT RAPIDLY CHANGING SITUATION, COMPLEXITY OF ROTTERDAM OIL MOVEMENTS, AND EMBRYONIC NATURE OF GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY COORDINATION DETRACT FROM RELIABILITY AND COMPLETENESS OF SUCH FIGURES.

6. GUIDANCE ALSO DESIRED ON PRESS TREATMENT. GON IS CURRENTLY FORMULATING ITS OWN VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION HAVING IN MIND BOTH LOCAL ATMOSPHERICS AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.
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